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Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraphs at page 34, lines 10-13 with the following amended paragraphs:

An x-ray fluorescence analysis of the copper sample is provided in Figure [[26]] 25, with the K_{α} peak of a copper control standard shown for reference.

An x-ray fluorescence analysis of the copper sample is provided in Figure [[27]] $\underline{26}$, with the K_{α} peak of an aluminum control standard shown for reference.

Please replace the paragraphs at page 37, lines 5-15 with the following amended paragraph:

An x-ray fluorescence analysis of the nickel sample is provided in Figures [[28A]] $\underline{27A}$ and [[28B]] $\underline{27B}$, with the K_{α} and L_{α} peaks of a nickel control standard shown for reference.

An x-ray fluorescence analysis of the nickel sample is provided in Figure [[29A]] 28A, with the K_{α} peak of an aluminum control standard shown for reference.

An x-ray fluorescence analysis of the nickel sample is provided in Figure [[29B]] 28B, with the K_{α} peak of a zirconium control standard shown for reference.

An x-ray fluorescence analysis of the nickel sample is provided in Figure [[30A]] 29, with the K_{α} peak of a sulfur control standard shown for reference.

An x-ray fluorescence analysis of the copper sample is provided in Figure [[30B]] $\underline{30}$, with the K_{α} peak of an chlorine (from potassium chloride) shown for reference.